SHINING TIME STATION

EPISODE #16 "WORDS OUT"

SHOOTING SCRIPT

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SCENE 1 (J) PART 1 (EXT. JUKEBOX)

(OPEN ON: INT. STATION. NO ONE IS AROUND. AS IF THE CAMERA IS LOOKING FOR SOME LIFE, IT SCANS THE PLACE AND FINALLY SPOTS THE JUKEBOX. CAMERA TRUCKS OVER AND ...)

(DISSOLVE TO: INT. JUKEBOX)

SCENE 1 (J) PART 2 (INT. JUKEBOX)

(THE BAND IS JUST SITTING AROUND)

GRACE:

Sure is quiet around here.

TEX:

What do you think's

going on, Rex?

REX:

Off hand, Tex, I'd say nothing's going on.

TEX:

Well, that would sure explain why it's so quiet around here.

DIDI:

It's like total silencio.

I feel like we should,

like, whisper. Like.

GRACE:

(WHISPERING)

I know what you mean.

REX:

(WHISPERING)

It sure is quiet.

TEX:

(WHISPERING)

Why are we whispering?

REX:

(WHISPERING)

I don't know. But once you start, it's hard to stop.

(ENTER TITO)

TITO:

Hello Grace, hi Didi,

hi Tex, hi Rex.

ALL:

(WHISPERING)

Hi Tito.

TITO:

(WHISPERING)

Why are we whispering?

ALL:

(WHISPERING)

'Cause, you see ...

[mumble, mumble].

TITO:

What?

ALL:

(WHISPERING)

Because ...

[mumble, mumble]

... all of us, quiet

... it's so hard to

stop.

TITO:

WHAT?

ALL:

(WHISPERING)

You see ... all of

us ... before you

know it ...

TITO:

(SHOUTING)

WHAT?????

ALL:

'Cause once you start,

it's hard to stop

(LOUDER)

Once you start, it's

hard to stop

(THE LOUDEST)

Once you start, it's

hard to stop!!!

TITO:

Okay! Okay! I can

hear you. Don't blow

my ears off.

(MORE)

TITO: (CONTD)

(PAUSE)

... it's sure been

quiet around here

lately.

ALL:

It sure has!

(THEY ALL TAKE A DEEP SIGH AND BEGIN TO NOD OFF)

TITO:

Do you know what this

place can use?

ALL:

What?

TITO:

Some noise!!!

(HE BAGNS WILDLY ON THE PIANO)

ALL:

Yeah!

(THEY LIKE THE IDEA AND JOIN IN, SCREAMING AND BANGING)

SCENE 2 (C)
(MAINSET)

(ANGLE ON: MR. CONDUCTOR ON PLATFORM. HE TURNS WITH A SURPRISED LOOK)

(ANGLE ON: HARRY OPENING HIS DOOR ... HE STICKS HIS HEAD OUT EXPRESSING HIS REACTION)

(ANGLE ON: STACY ENTERS. SHE PAUSES WITH HER REACTION)

(ENTER SCHEMER BEHIND HER)

(SPFX: MR. CONDUCTOR SEES SCHEMER AND VANISHES)

(SPFX: MAGIC DUST)

SCENE 2A (MAINSET)

(RESUME)

STACY:

Schemer, does that song have a name?
Tell it to me so I'll know never to play it.

SCHEMER:

Gee, I don't know.

(HE CROSSES TO THE JUKEBOX)

I don't remember this

song.

(TRIES TO SNAP HIS FINGERS TO IT. STARTS TO AWKWARDLY BOB AND WEAVE TO IT)

... has a good beat

... it sort of makes

you want to move around

... yeah ...

(HE FINDS A RHYTHM IN IT)

and move and dip and

bop and hop ... Hey!

(HE STOPS. THE NEW PLAN HAS COME TO HIM)

What a great idea!

(MORE)

SCEMER: (CONTD)

It's better than building an amusement park in here.

Instead of an amusement park,

I'll turn this whole place into a health club.

(HE RESUMES HIS GYRATIONS)

And a one... Jazzercizing...
and a two...dancer-botics...
and a three...aerobic
leaping...

STACY:

- + We've had enough of your
- + ideas Schemer. All they
- * do is get us into

trouble.

(SCHEMER STOPS)

SCHEMER:

No, no, no, this time it'll be different.

I'll fill the place with weight-lifting equipment.

(DOES PANTOMIME OF PUMPING IRON)

I can see it all. This place packed with sweaty people. Wow...everything will be black steel and shiny crome. I'll have to get rid of this silly looking jukebox.

SCENE 3 (J) (INT. JUKEBOX)

(THE PUPPETS ALL HEARD THAT)

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ALL:

WHAT!?

REX:

* Do people in health clubs

* like railroad songs, Tex?

TEX:

* I don't think so, Rex.

*(BEAT)

REX:

* Gosh.

SCENE 4 (MAINSET)

(RESUME WITH SCHEMER AT JUKEBOX)

SCHEMER:

Hey, don't stop now

... come on ... more

noise ... Ah, who needs

this jukebox. I'll

make my own noise.

(HE HEADS TOWARDS THE EXIT IMITATING THE NOISE FROM THE JUKEBOX AND CONTINUING HIS EXERCISE GYRATIONS)

(ANGLE ON: STACY ON THE PHONE)

STACY:

You have the new train information. All right,

I'm ready ...

(SFX: TRAIN NOISE)

STACY: (CONTD)

Wait one second ...

(ANGLE ON: TRAIN SHADOWS RACING PAST)

(TANYA AND MATT ENTER AND WATCH STACY ON PHONE. THEY WAVE TO HER)

STACY: (CONTD)

Now what were you

(MORE)

STACY: (CONTD)

saying about the

trains today?

(SFX: TRAIN NOISE)

STACY: (CONTD)

Hold on again.

(SHE SHRUGS TO THE KIDS)

(ANGLE TO: WINDOW. A TRAIN GOING THE OTHER WAY)

STACY: (CONTD)

Yes I'm back. Now

what were you saying

about the trains today?

(HER FACE DROPS)

No trains at all are

going to stop here

today!!! Why?

(SHE LISTENS)

... I see ...

goodbye ...

(SHE HANGS UP)

(CUT TO: HARRY ENTERING. HE IS DIVERTED BY YET ANOTHER TRAIN. HE STARTS TO WAVE HIS ARMS)

HARRY:

Slow down ... slow

down. Stop stop ...

Come back here ...

come back!

(THE TRAIN WHIZZES THROUGH)

(HARRY CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT. HE COMES OVER TO DESK)

HARRY: (CONTD)

What's going on here?

That's our morning

express. It didn't

even slow down.

(STACY GETS THE SCHEDULE BOARD AND BEGINS SLIDING OUT THE DEPARTURE TIMES)

STACY:

The railroad has rerouted all our trains today. I guess they're testing to see if they can do without this station.

TANYA:

Oh no ... that's awful.

MATT:

They can't do that.

This is the best

station ever.

TANYA:

Don't let them close

it down.

STACY:

(DETERMINED. THUMPS TICKET BOOTH)

I'll try my best.

SCENE 5 (C) (MAINSET)

(AT NICKELODEON)

MR. C: (O.C.)

Special meeting.

Special meeting.

(THEY LOOK AT MR. CONDUCTOR AT PICTURE MACHINE)

MR. C (O.C.) (CONTD)

Special meeting of all gloomy gusses, sour pusses and unhappy assemblies. Over here on the double.

(THEY COME OVER)

MR. C (O.C.) (CONTD)

... here, for today's assignment, look in here.

(HANDS THEM A COIN)

(MATT AND TANYA PUT COIN IN, START TURNING CRANK. STACY LOOKS IN)

SCENE 6 (MV) (VT: MUSIC VIDEO: "FEELING GOOD ABOUT YOURSELF") SCENE 6A (C) (MAINSET)

(RESUME KIDS, HARRY AND STACY AND MR. CONDUCTOR AT PICTURE MACHINE)

(THEY LEAN BACK NODDING THEIR APPROVAL AND UNDERSTANDING, MAKING APPROPRIATE COMMENTS)

MR. C:

No matter what, be

good to yourselves.

ALL:

Right.

(AFFECTIONATE PATS, ETC.)

(SPFX: MR. CONDUCTOR HEARS FOOTSTEPS AND VANISHES)

SCENE 7 (MAINSET)

(ENTER MIDGE SMOOT. SHE IS A TIGHTLY WRAPPED MIDDLE-AGED BUSYBODY. SHE LOOKS ALL AROUND AND NODS TO GROUP)

STACY:

Hello, Miss Smoot.

HARRY:

Hello, Midge.

TANYA:

Who is that?

HARRY:

That's Midge Snoot.

The town gossip.

STACY:

Now, now, Midge Snoot is a respected member of our community. She's on the town council, the library board, and generally very active in local affairs.

MATT:

What does Harry mean, the town gossip?

STACY:

Well ... anything you tell to Midge Snoot will be all over town in ten minutes.

TANYA:

How does she do that?

HARRY:

How she does it is the only secret she's ever been able to keep.

(SCHEMER ENTERS AND GOES TO HIS MACHINES)

(MIDGE CROSSES TO SCHEMER)

MIDGE:

Good day to you, Schemer, and what, might I ask, have you been up to lately?

SCHEMER:

My dear Miss Snoot,

I was just hoping

someone would ask.

(MORE)

SCHEMER: (CONTD)

For I am filled with wonderful ideas and promising plans and delightful what-have-yous: I'm turning this dump of a train station into a health club.

(STARTS TO DO INPLACE STRETCHING AND BOUNCING)

And a one ... as ...
soon ... as ... the
stupid ... trains ...
quit ... stopping ...
here ... and a two
and a three ...

MIDGE:

Shining Time Station closing down!!! Really!!
My my my, that is news ...

(MIDGE DASHES ACROSS TO STACY)

... Stacy Jones Stacy
Jones. Tell me, is
it true?

(STACY IS FINISHING POSTING CANCELED ON ALL OF THE DAY'S TRAINS)

MIDGE: (CONTD)

So it is true! The station IS closing down!

STACY:

No no no. That's just for today.

(SHE STARTS TO WALK AWAY FROM MIDGE. TO HERSELF)

... I hope ...

(MIDGE IS LEFT THERE UNCERTAIN AND THEN SPOTS THE KIDS AT THE ARCADE. SHE RUSHES AT THEM AND STANDS BETWEEN THEM)

MIDGE:

Children children children. Dear honest children. Now tell me, is this train station going to close down? What have YOU heard?

MATT:

No. It'll never close down.

TANYA:

This is the best train station there is.

MIDGE:

Of course it is, my dear, but look there are no trains stopping here.

MATT:

That's because ... that's because ah ... they're going to build * a huge other building here and there's going to be bricks and stuff all over the place.

MIDGE:

You don't say.

TANYA:

And that's not all ...

MIDGE:

There's more? Pray tell, child, what?

TANYA:

Ah ... They're going to make Stacy Jones the head of the railroad!

MIDGE:

The head of the railroad! And imagine, her not mentioning a word of it to me! I must go find her ...

(MIDGE DASHES OFF)

(THE KIDS EXCHANGE A GUILTY LOOK, THEN SLINK BACK TO ARCADE AND SIT ON STEPS, STAGE RIGHT)

SCENE 8 (CO) (MAINSET)

(KIDS ON STEPS)

MR. C: (O.C.)

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(SPFX: TANYA JUMPS UP REAVLING MR. CONDUCTOR)

MR. C: (CONTD)

Be careful there.

My goodness, have a

look at where you're

sitting. The life

you save may be my

own.

TANYA:

Sorry, Mr. Conductor.

I didn't see you

there.

MR. C:

Is that all you're

sorry for?

TANYA:

What do you mean?

MR. C:

A "huge other building"

"head of the railroad."

SCENE 8 (C) (CONTD)

MATT & TANYA:

Oh that ...

MR. C:

Yes, that! Those

are mighty tall

tales for such

short people.

MATT:

Yes but ...

MR. C:

Yes but nothing.

If you go around

telling lies, you'll

wind up like Diesel.

TANYA:

Why? What happened

to Diesel?

MR. C:

Well, I'm just about

to tell you ...

(HE BLOWS WHISTLE)

(SPFX: THOMAS INTRO FX)

SCENE 9 (VT)
(VT: THOMAS EPISODE #39
"DIRTY WORK")

SCENE 10 (C) (MAINSET)

(RESUME ON STEPS)

TANYA:

Diesel was trying to hurt Duck. We weren't trying to hurt anyone.

MR. C:

But a lie is a lie. If you tell them it becomes a habit.

MATT:

Did the other engines find out the truth?

MR. C:

That story will have to wait.

TANYA:

Are you mad at us?

MR. C:

No, I'm not mad at you. But I want to be proud of you ...

(MORE)

SCENE 10 (CO (CONTD)

MR. C: (CONTD)

And I want you to

remember the three

do's ...

(HE ASSUMES MILITARY POSTURE)

Do stand up straight ...

(THEY JUMP UP AND STAND ERECT)

MR. C: (CONTD)

Do tell the truth.

(THEY NOD YES)

MR. C: (CONTD)

And what's the third?

TANYA:

Ah ... finish our

vegetables?

MATT:

Brush our teeth?

MR. C:

Those are good but

not the one I'm looking

for. It's ...

anyone? ...

(THEY DON'T KNOW)

MR. C: (CONTD)

And do not ever ever sit on top of me. It's a very uncomfortable thing to do. You've got that? I'm not an egg.

(THEY NOD YES)

(SPFX: MR. CONDUCTOR VANISHES)

(SPEX: MAGIC DUST)

SCENE 11 (MAINSET)

(TIME SHIFT)

(MIDGE REENTERS)

MIDGE:

Now where could Stacy
Jones have gone. I
can't find her anywhere. I hope she
didn't leave already.

(SHE SPOTS SCHEMER AND CROSSES TO HIM)

... did you hear the news? You'll never guess who they picked to run the railroad!
... Stacy Jones!

SCHEMER:

No! Really? Run the railroad!

MIDGE:

It's always good to have friends in high places.

SCHEMER:

Good Old Stacy. I always knew she'd be a star.

(STACY COMES OUT OF HARRY'S OFFICE)

SCHEMER: (CONTD)

Oh, there she is ...

(MIDGE AND SCHEMER CROSS OVER)

MIDGE:

Stacy Jones, you old sly pidge. I always knew you'd be going places. And you have such style. That's a lovely shirt you're wearing.

STACY:

Why thank you. That's a nice broach you have.

MIDGE:

Yes, I paid a great deal of money for (MORE)

MIDGE: (CONTD)

this broach. You

like it? ... here,

take it.

(SHE YANKS THE BROACH OFF AND THRUSTS IT INTO STACY'S HAND)

STACY:

I couldn't.

MIDGE:

I insist.

SCHEMER:

And will you please

come and have dinner

with my mommy and me

next Tuesday?

STACY:

(HESITANTLY)

Well okay.

MIDGE:

You must have so much to do.

STACY:

Not really.

SCHEMER:

(TO MIDGE)

She's so well organized.

MIDGE:

You must excuse us. We don't want to hold

you up.

(THEY GO BACK TO THE ARCADE)

SCHEMER:

I'll prepare our favorite dinner -- celery sticks with peanut butter and little raisins and a raw potato. And what will we have for dessert? I know, candy bars.

(SCHEMER REMEMBERS HE HAS SEVERAL IN HIS POCKET. TAKES THEM OUT)

> Which one do you think she'd like?

> > MIDGE:

Let's see ... that one looks good.

SCHEMER:

Help yourself. Go

ahead.

MIDGE:

Well, don't mind if I

do. Thank you, Schemer.

(MIDGE TAKES CANDY BAR, TAKES A BITE AND GOES INTO GYRATIONS OF TOOTH PAIN)

... Oh my tooth my

tooth my tooth.

(THE KIDS CROSS OVER)

TANYA:

Miss Smoot? We have

something to tell you.

(SHE HOLDS HER HEAD IN PAIN, HALF LISTENING)

MATT:

We lied before.

TANYA:

They're not going to build another huge building.

MATT:

And they didn't make

(MORE)

MATT: (CONTD)

Aunt Stacy the head of the railroad.

(THIS GETS HER ATTENTION)

MIDGE:

What!

(SHE LOOKS AROUND AND SPOTS STACY AT THE TICKET BOOTH AND CROSSES OVER. SCHEMER FOLLOWS)

STACY:

Hi, Midge!

MIDGE:

Are you or are you not going to be the head of the railroad?

STACY:

The head of the railroad! Certainly not. Mr. J.B. King, Esquire is the head of the railroad.

MIDGE:

Then give me back my broach. (HOLDS OUT A DEMANDING HAND)

STACY:

I thought you might want it back, Midge.

(HANDS IT BACK TO HER)

SCHEMER:

And you can forget about having celery and raw potatoes with Mommy and me.

STACY:

I thought you might say that, Schemer.

MIDGE:

(RENEWED TOOTH PAIN)

0000aaaaaawwwww.

STACY:

Midge, what is it?

MIDGE:

My tooth my tooth my tooth. I know I shouldn't have skipped my checkups with the dentist.

STACY:

Let me see if I have something to help with the toothache.

(LOOKS AROUND)

Not in there. Come on, Harry has a first aid kit.

(THEY GO INTO HARRY'S OFFICE)

SCENE 12 (HARRY'S WORKSHOP)

(STACY LEADS MIDGE INTO HARRY'S OFFICE)

STACY:

Harry, how are you for fixing a toothache today?

HARRY:

A toothache ... let's

see. I have some ice

in this cooler.

(HE PUTS THE ICE IN A BIG HANKY AND BINDS IT AROUND HER HEAD, GIVING TEMPORARY RELIEF)

HARRY: (CONTD)

There, how does that feel?

(SHE MOANS APPRECIATIVELY)

MATT:

Harry, now she can't talk.

(HARRY GIVES A LOOK)

STACY:

That should hold you till

you get to the dentist.

HARRY:

Where is your dentist?

SCENE 12 (CONTD)

MIDGE:

(STRUGGLING TO GET IT OUT)

Doodlehaven.

STACY:

Doodlehaven ... that

far away ...

(STACY AND HARRY STEP ASIDE TO HAVE A CONFERENCE)

HARRY:

Doodlehaven's way down the line. Do you have any ideas?

STACY:

(LOOKING AT HER WATCH)

A train could get her there in a hurry.

HARRY:

IF ... a train were stopping.

STACY:

Do you have any ideas on getting a train to stop?

HARRY:

I might have a few.

(MORE)

SCENE 12 (CONTD)

HARRY: (CONTD)

The railroad's not going to like it.

STACY:

I know, but Midge Smoot will sure appreciate it. I'll get my lantern.

HARRY:

I'll call the switchman. (STACY GETS HER LANTERN AND EXITS) (KIDS CROSS OVER TO WATCH HARRY. HE DIALS THE PHONE)

HARRY: (CONTD)

... Hello Ben, Harry. I need you to switch the Doodlehaven Flyer back onto our local track ... I know it'll take a little extra time for the railroad, but we have a passenger here with a pretty bad toothache. ... Thanks, Ben.

(HANGS UP)

SCENE 12 (CONTD)

TANYA:

Are you going to get in trouble, Grandpa, rerouting the trains?

HARRY:

I hope not. Maybe I will. But sometimes you just do what you think is right. I learned that from a man who once took a train into a flooded valley. The water was so high it came to his knees. He wasn't supposed to take that train but he did. And he didn't know if he'd ever make it out. But the people in that valley were sure glad he did what he thought was right. He saved every one of them.

(THEY ALL EXIT HARRY'S WORKSHOP)

SCENE 13 (MAINSET)

(SFX: TRAIN PULLS IN SLOWLY TO STATION)

(STACY GETS MIDGE AND ESCORTS HER OUT)

KIDS/HARRY:

(AD LIB)

So long, good luck,

best ...

(SFX: TRAIN PULLS OUT)

(THEY WAVE AS TRAIN PULLS OUT)

HARRY:

Now, what are you kids up to?

TANYA:

We want to be good to ourselves. Good to everybody. So we want to make happy badges for all the good work we do here.

HARRY:

Sounds like a fine idea to me.

(THEY START THEIR BADGES)

SCENE 13 (CONTD)

(HARRY EXCUSES HIMSELF AND CROSSES TO STACY)

STACY:

Do you think we're going to get in trouble for stopping that train?

HARRY:

They can't take anymore trains away from us ... we don't have any.

(KIDS GIVE STACY, HARRY AND THEM-SELVES THE HAPPY BADGES, AND HAVE ONE [REGULAR SIZE] FOR MR. CONDUCTOR)

SCENE 14 (C) (MAINSET)

(KIDS SPOT MR. CONDUCTOR AT HIS SWITCHHOUSE)

MATT:

Look, there's Mr. Conductor.

TANYA:

Let's give him his badge.

(KIDS CROSS TO MR. CONDUCTOR)

MATT & TANYA:

(GIVING BADGE)

This is for you, Mr. Conductor. We made it

ourselves to cheer every-

one up.

MR. C:

Oh splendid. I like badges.

(MATT AND TANYA REACT)

MR. C: (CONTD)

Now, what are the rules?

MATT & TANYA:

Stand up straight

Tell the truth

And never sit on you.

SCENE 14 (C) (CONTD)

MR. C:

Good. I saw you apologize before to Midge Smoot and I'm proud of you. And one good turn deserves another, and so I'm going to tell you the rest of that story about Duck and Diesel.

SCENE 15 (T)
(VT: THOMAS EPISODE #40
"A CLOSE SHAVE")

SCENE 16 (C) (MAINSET)

(RESUME AT SWITCH HOUSE)

MR. C:

Like Duck, if you try
and do what's right,
things usually work out
for you. And let's
hope they work out for
Shining Time Station.

(SFX: PHONE RINGS)

(HARRY PICKS IT UP)

HARRY:

Hello, Shining Time
Station, may I help you?
... yes she is.

(HARRY HANDS THE PHONE TO STACY)

... they want to speak
with you. It's the main
office of the railroad.

(FEARFULLY, STACY TAKES THE PHONE)

STACY:

(KIDS CROSS OVER)

Hello ... Stacy Jones here
(MORE)

SCENE 16 (C) (CONTD)

STACY: (CONTD)

... yes ... yes, I understand ... yes ... yes ...
yes ... goodbye.

(RETURNS THE RECEIVER IN A BIT OF A DAZE)

HARRY:

What is it? What did they say?

(THE KIDS COME OVER)

STACY:

They said we had no right to stop that train. What we did was against the rules but everybody in Doodlehaven is talking about how wonderful we are. We did a good deed.

HARRY:

Oh, that Midge Smoot. I knew she'd get the word out.

STACY:

Midge Smoot called Mr. J.B.

King, Esquire, Superintendent

(MORE)

SCENE 16 (C) (CONTD)

of the Railroad (he's a good friend of hers), and she told him she thought I should be running the railroad.

Well, he won't let me run the railroad but he said we are important to the "community" and guess what? They're giving us a few of our trains back!

(THEY ALL CHEER)

(ANGLE ON: SCHEMER)

SCHEMER:

Trains! They're going to run trains again! How can I ever put in my health club? I guess that means I'll have to keep this jukebox in action.

(HE CROSSES TO JUKEBOX AND DEPOSITS COIN)

SCENE 17 (J) (INT. JUKEBOX)

GRACE:

You hear that? We stay.

ALL:

Yeah ... that's worth

singing about.

(INTO: PUPPET SONG/"JESSE JAMES")

SCENE 17 (J) (CONTD)

(PUPPET SONG/"JESSE JAMES")
[LYRICS TO COME]

SCENE 18 (MAINSET)

SCHEMER ON MAINSET) (ANGLE ON:

SCHEMER:

Hey, what gives here! Why is this thing playing again?

(HE BEGINS JERKY EXERCISE AND MOVES TO JUKEBOX)

(HE BANGS THE JUKEBOX AND THEN GIVES UP)

(SFX: TRAIN PULLING IN)

STACY:

There she is! Our first new train again. Come on, everyone, Shining Time Station is back in business!

(CREDITS)

(FADE)